

Draft Salmon Habitat Plan: Tracking Form for Comments

Other questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the *draft* Habitat Plan

Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed (WRIA 9)

March 10 – April 25, 2005

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	Hickey, Paul, TPU, 4/1/05	2-5		The footnote should be corrected to reflect that bull trout are members of the char subgroup of the salmonidae family.			
	Noble, Judith, City of Seattle, email	2-19 2-20 2-21 2-22		The river miles weren’t in the actions table in the Executive Summary chapter sent to the Steering Committee.	Editorial		Include River Miles in the action tables (in the Executive Summary and in Chapter 6). Consider revising action tables in the Feasibility/Effectiveness appendix.
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	2-21	Table 2-2	The table should clearly state that the Science Panel did not review programs as part of their process.			
	Barrie, Al, email 3/29/05	4-29		The word ‘THALWEG’ is used. This word is not in the glossary or my dictionary. What does it mean??	editorial		
	Covington, Jay, City of Renton, 4/4/05	6-3	Use of Terms	Last sentence, change the word in quotes from “Shall” to “Should” to be consistent with your intent.			
	Unknown	6-3 to		<i>Avoid unequal impacts of regulations on</i>			

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	citizen, 10/12/04 public meeting	6-6		<i>landowners of different sizes and types; impact of Critical Areas Ordinance is unequal on small landowners as compared to large developers</i>			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	6-5	LU8	These are location-specific recommendations for action. Aren't they already covered in other parts of the Plan? Why do they need a special section under Land Use??			
	Taylor, Bob, Covington Water District, 4/1/05	6-5	LU8 D.	What does "protection of riparian zones mean? Does it mean that road, infrastructure, and other projects within the zones will be mitigated or prohibited?			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	6-6	LU13	Meaningless statement. Isn't that what the whole Plan is about??			
	Carney, Robert, Auburn resident, 10/12/04 public meeting	6-6	LU-9	<i>Raise environmental/habitat quality of Lower Green up to that of Middle Green as priority</i>			
	Unknown citizen, web survey 9/14/04	6-6 to 6-8		Private sector developers must contribute to fund salmon habitat protection/restoration since they are a major source of habitat degradation.			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port	6-8	P3	Meaningless statement. Concept is already repeated in numerous other places			

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	of Seattle, 4/4/05			in Plan.			
	Conlin, Richard at 3/10 Steering Comm.mtg	6-15		<i>The last sentence on this page is confusing.</i>	editorial		
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	6-20	WRIA-wide	How are these WRIA wide programmatic actions supposed to be different from the WRIA-wide programmatic actions already presented on pages 6-4 through 6-11? There is a huge amount of overlap, just repeating the same things over and over. For example, what's the difference between WW-2 and IN1? Between WW-3 and I-5? Between WW-4 and R5? Etc. etc. Given that the programmatic stuff on pages 6-4 through 6-11 was not approved by the Science Panel, and given that it seems to already be covered elsewhere, how about tossing that whole section?			
	Christianson, Howard, Auburn resident, web survey 9/18/05	6-20 to 6-21	WW-1a; WW-1b	People who own property on a waterway should be contacted for the purpose of an inspection as to the condition of that waterway and then be given the opportunity to ask for volunteer help in improving that waterway for fish and that money be provided to help improve, clean up or change the site as the inspection would recommend			
	Unknown citizen,	6-47 to 6-56	Multiple Middle	<i>Large woody debris should include root wads to slow downstream movement</i>			

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	10/12/04 public meeting		Green				
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	7-1	Section [sic] 7	This section of the report needs to identify priorities for monitoring. The introduction states the section is in flux; however, the need is for focus.			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	8-1 to 8-17		We will provide further comments concerning the implementation plan in our final comments.			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	8-5		Points 1-4 suggest possible agreements with NOAA Fisheries or USWFS. Based on the Port's experience with ESA compliance Points 2-4 are unlikely to be achieved although we support them.			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	8-11 to 8-13		Other sources of funding are possible and should be described – these include mitigation projects for future permitted construction and Superfund natural resource damages.			
	Taylor, Bob, Covington Water District, 4/1/05	8-15	8.6	WRIA 9's funding estimate of \$250-\$678 million over the first ten years is too ambitious. Even at the low end of \$25 million a year, without having secured State or Federal funds, the bulk of the funding would need to come local entities. Where will this funding come from?			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port	8-17		The reference to the Port of Seattle as "benefits from flood protection and other			

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	of Seattle, 4/4/05			benefits but does not pay for many of these services" is wholly inappropriate. No other jurisdiction or entity is singled out for such an allegation despite the vast numbers of them located upstream. The Port's major waterfront facilities in WRIA 9 (container terminals, grain terminal, cruise terminals, etc.) are located on or very near Elliott Bay and as such are tidally influenced and not significantly impacted by Duwamish River flood protection concerns. The statement is gratuitous and should be removed.			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	Appendix B		What is the purpose of including Appendix B? It is a word-for-word duplication of the language in Sections 8.2 and 8.3. Was this some sort of printing error?			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	Appendix E		In general, the presentation of the CH has been softened from previous presentations. They don't come forward as prominently through the entire document.			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	Appendix F		The tables that comprise Appendix F help to clarify relationships between CH's and habitat. However, our basic criticism of these CH's and Habitat Strategies are still valid. Specifically, there has been no attempt to describe which have strong linkages and which are weak. A logical			

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				step from the tables in Appendix F would be to start to think about the strength of those linkages to determine what actions will yield responses. The lack of focus is a direct result of the use of the Ecosystem Approach for this project. That approach is helpful for organizing potentials and interactions but at some point the process must recognize that some points are insignificant and others are vital. In essence the tables show the weakness of the whole report – loss of focus even after the issues are identified.			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	Appendix I		Costs appear to be generally appropriate; however, it would take substantial review to verify. It is suggested that Table I-2 include a column that expresses cost per acre of aquatic habitat or some such scaling factor. This would help in quick comparisons between actions and in verifying the appropriateness of the costs presented.			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	Appendix J		The policies that were brought forward from this section were the subject of review and comments in Section 6. You need to go through Appendix J and clean out any of the policies that you moved forward into Section 6.2, so that Appendix J becomes what you've advertised it to be " <i>additional</i> policies that may be considered for discussion."			

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				(per 1 st para, page 6-3). There are additional policies in this section which we are quite concerned about – we will provide further comments on these other policies in our final comments.			
	Grotheer, Wayne, Port of Seattle, 4/4/05	Appendix K		The appendix is a list of dream study questions without clear statements of which are the highest priority. Study plans derived from these tentative hypotheses would need to be reviewed carefully to determine if the hypotheses can be addressed by the methodology employed.			
	Taylor, Bob, Covington Water District, 4/1/05	N/A	N/A	The role of utilities and districts needs to be better defined.			
	Kalhorn, Susie, Vashon Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>How will cross-WRIA consistency be achieved in terms of marine nearshore actions?</i>		Staff responded to question at the time	
	Arntz, Dee-WEC			The absence of an instream flow strategy begins with lack of, or weak, discussion in previous chapters. While some of this			

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				<p>detail may be in other documents, we think that there should be sufficient detail in the plan to support objectives and policies that are specific and programs that are described clearly. The Department of Ecology adopted an instream flow rule in 1980 to "retain perennial rivers, streams, and lakes in the Green-Duwamish drainage basin with instream flows and levels necessary for preservation and protection of wildlife, fish, scenic, aesthetic and other environmental values, recreational and navigational values, and to preserve water quality" (WAC 173-509-010). The rule calls for Ecology to "initiate a review of the rules established in this chapter whenever new information, changing conditions, or statutory modifications make it necessary to consider revisions" (WAC 173-509-090). Why are this rule and the accompanying Green-Duwamish River Basin Instream Resources Protection Program in 1980 not part of this plan?</p> <p>Recommendations: Review existing instream flow rules and policies;</p>			

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				determine their adequacy; and, incorporate an instream flow strategy and a program/task to restore instream flow if necessary/when necessary.			
	Arntz, Dee-WEC			The plan contains no recommendations for the multiple ways that public water systems can contribute to better instream flow management with the authorities granted under the Municipal Water Law in 2003. Specifically, such purveyors have a "dynamic" place of use and a "duty to serve" within such service areas that may be able to alleviate some of the demands on groundwater that depletes the flow of sensitive tributaries. The plan also should include such concepts as re-use, storage of rainwater especially for areas like Rock Creek and Issaquah Creek			
	Arntz, Dee-WEC			The absence of a groundwater strategy also begins with an absence of detail in the early chapters. Again, we think that the Plan itself should contain enough data to support clear objectives and policies. While it is possible that one cannot have measurable objectives; on the other hand excessive vagueness can make some of the policies virtually meaningless. Pull together the groundwater material at			

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				least sufficiently to show a coherent strategy if there is one.			
	Arntz, Dee-WEC			<p>No clear support for local Shoreline Management Plans and Critical Areas Ordinances that support salmon recovery.</p> <p>Recommendation: Include specific policies and programs related to Critical Areas and Shoreline Management Plans. P6-6 LU-11 Incorporate Critical Areas here. Implementation 15 - Again this is too vague mention Critical Areas and Shoreline Management Plans and the state guidance on both these issues.</p> <p>Discussion: It appears that supporting good critical areas ordinances is taboo. In act, not sure that this term is mentioned anywhere in the document.</p> <p>The action to amend the Shoreline Management Act we think is misplaced. In our view, Chapter 173-26 WAC p.30 incorporates the ability to do just what is recommended. In fact the verbiage surrounding this recommendation appears to be accepting allegations by to property rights activists which are not based on</p>			

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				fact. Please rewrite this whole section.			
	Cunniff, Charlie, 7/8/04 public meeting			<i>We need to truly test urban habitat restoration by doing a series of projects in the Duwamish as opposed to just a few. Plan should clarify whether/how we should push forward with projects in this heavily urbanized part of the watershed.</i>			
	Pillon, Chuck, 7/8/04 public meeting			<i>The Habitat Plan should address the mixed direction/messages and internal conflicts sometimes created by local government. For example, there can be a conflict between protecting sensitive areas and getting into those areas to restore habitat.</i>			
	Post, Rebecca, Washington State Department of Ecology, 7/8/04 public meeting			<i>Identify particularly critical habitat areas that should be protected in event of a hazardous materials spill. Ecology staff are willing to work with Plan staff on this.</i>			
	Pillon, Chuck, public meeting 7/8/04			<i>Is the Habitat Plan based on the scientific consensus of what characterizes good habitat?</i>			
	Stratten, Danny, Seattle resident, web			Most importantly, restore culverted streams. Our waterways should be common, not private, property.			

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	survey 9/14/04						
	Flatley, Terry, Renton resident, web survey 9/15/04			Funding for salmon habitat should come from combination of all governments and sportsmen/women			
	Unknown citizen, web survey 9/16/04			Find some way halt the excessive netting of our salmon and steelhead rivers.			
	Kidder, Jim, Seattle resident, web survey 9/21/04			Use the hatcheries to full capacity. Brood stock should only come from the river the hatchery is located on. The brood stock should also be second generation fish, i.e., hatchery fish that have returned and spawned in the river, their offspring that have gone to the ocean and have come back to spawn. Hatcherys should mark all hatchery released fish. Hatcheries should not take in any more fish than is necessary to keep the egg production and rearing at capacity. Hatchery fish should be encouraged to spawn natuarally in the river. You should also end the practice of gill netting - gill netting only selects for smaller fish, i.e., only fish big enough to get caught in the gill net get harvested, thus the fish that are left to spawn are all smaller thus we are breeding for smaller fish			

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	Eulberg, Daniel, Des Moines resident, web survey 9/23/04			Taking out hydroelectric dams is not worth the gain			
	Unknown citizen, web survey 9/23/04			Scale back the amount of gillnetting that's going on. Habitat restoration isn't that difficult. Scale back the amount Non-Reservation Native Fishing rights. It's gotten out of hand, and there is little if any enforcement. Problems include Non-Reservation Fishing rights for natives and the 100% blockage and harvesting of too many fish in Gill Nets. Many Ghost nets being left behind. See Lower Puyallup, they're all over the place, still killing.			
	Haralson, Stan, 10/12/04 public meeting			<i>Maintain the project database and allow non-governmental people to add project ideas and achievements; provide for funding and access</i>			
	Unknown citizen, 10/12/04 public meeting			<i>Encourage volunteer plantings in the Lower Green and Duwamish where riparian vegetation is poorest</i>			
	Unknown citizen, 10/12/04 public			<i>Restoration projects by local governments should include liaison with WRIA 9 staff to ensure watershed priorities addressed</i>			

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	meeting						
	Unknown citizen, 10/12/04 public meeting			<i>Promote selective harvest and discourage use of gill nets</i>			
	Unknown citizen, 10/12/04 public meeting			<i>Increase riparian vegetation by cooperating with Puget Sound Energy replantings</i>			
	Unknown citizen, 10/12/04 public meeting			<i>Increase coordination between partners and tie to watershed vision</i>			
	Clark, Rose, Burien resident, 10/12/04 public meeting			<i>Include "showcase restoration" projects that simultaneously help fish and have big benefit to people to illustrate "win-win" nature of a healthy watershed</i>			
	Kalhorn, Suzie, 3/05			I don't think Islanders see themselves as part of the Green-Duwamish watershed so I don't think they would buy into a Green-Duwamish watershed utility, but they may buy into an Island-based watershed utility that deals with a plethora of water quality, habitat, and water supply issues.	Substantive		
	Conlin,			<i>Be aware that there are possible</i>	substantive		

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	Richard at 3/10 Steering Comm.mtg			<i>contradictions between how "shoulds," "shalls" and "mays" are being used in the Plan.</i>			
	Conlin, Richard at 3/10 Steering Comm.mtg			<i>Add "current use assessment programs" to the glossary.</i>	editorial		
	Covington, Jay at 3/10 Steering Comm. mtg			<i>Improve the explanation of how the plan's recommendations are to be funded and implemented by local, state, and federal entities.</i>	substantive		
	Keller, Charles at 3/10 Steering Comm. mtg			<i>I would like to see if "shall" policies can be measured.</i>	substantive		
	Whitcomb, Janis, e-mail comment 3/10/05			When the US starts reining in the fishing boats at sea and the Indians that overfish salmon, maybe I will decide to put my land at risk to save the salmon at the source. As it is, [Newaukum Creek] is a great salmon stream and feeds a great salmon river. We do our part by leaving the trees alone and the banks of the stream alone. That's enough from us.	Substantive	E-mail response requested; e-mail response sent 3/17/05 by Dennis Clark	
	Public meeting comment, 3/23/05			<i>Is there a competition between the farming community and salmon populations in WRIA 9?</i>	Substantive		
	Public meeting comment,			<i>Are federal monies being used to support the Salmon Habitat Plan actions?</i>	Substantive		

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	3/23/05						
	Public meeting comment, 3/23/05			<i>Is there a proposal in the Plan to remove the large log jam in the Middle Green River?</i>	Substantive		
	Public meeting comment, 3/23/05			<i>Are the Tribes involved in the salmon habitat planning process?</i>		Staff responded to question at the time	
	Public meeting comment, 3/23/05			<i>Is a salmon recovery plan being developed at the federal level?</i>		Staff responded to question at the time by saying "no, not to our knowledge"	
	Tibeau, Duane, mailed comments, received 3/30/05			Remove all humans and all structures they have built from the Upper Green River subwatershed boundary.	Substantive		
	Tibeau, Duane, mailed comments, received 3/30/05			Declare by law a 120 ft. wide wildlife/salmon habitat buffer zone along every stream-river-pond-lake-wetland-salt water coastal area.	Substantive		
	Tibeau, Duane, mailed comments, received			Stop all salmon fishing in the State of Washington for five years.	Substantive		

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	3/30/05						
	Tibeau, Duane, mailed comments, received 3/30/05.			Rebuild the Tacoma water diversion dam. Make it into a side stream collector unit. One half of dam is removed.	Substantive		
	Tibeau, Duane, mailed comments, received 3/30/05			Remove part of Howard Hanson dam so the river can flow freely thru the actual river bed.	Substantive		
	Tibeau, Duane, mailed comments, received 3/30/05			Stop all logging in the Green River watershed.	Substantive		
	Vashon Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>Can the benthic ecosystem recover from geoduck harvesting or whatever is "blasting" the bottom?</i>			
	Standley, Batoul, Maury Island resident, 3/31/05			<i>Does the Plan address the impacts of global warming/climate change?</i>			

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	Vashon public meeting						
	Vashon/ Maury Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>If people really have input and are involved in decisions – whether about pesticides, specific projects, plantings -- it will take us a long way.</i>			
	Vashon/ Maury Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>Do studies show when herring are important to salmon?</i>		Staff responded to question at the time	
	Vashon/ Maury Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>Plan recommendations for the marine nearshore were based on studies of what Chinook salmon ate. Did the studies look at what was available for the fish to eat versus what they did eat?</i>		Staff responded in to question at the time by saying "no"	
	Vashon/ Maury Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>Are there programs that provide technical and financial assistance for restoring vegetation buffers?</i>		Staff responded in to question at the time	

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	Standley, Batoul, Maury Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>Does the Plan address the impacts of water pollution from rubber from automobile tires?</i>			
	Vashon/ Maury Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>Are there any data on how Quartermaster Harbor is filling in? It appears that the bottom is gradually rising and it is turning into a mudflat. How will this affect salmon?</i>		Staff responded in part to question at the time; no data known of at this point on Quartermaster depth changes	
	Larsen, Doug, Vashon Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>Hasn't there been a change in salinity and water quality in Quartermaster Harbor harming salmon caused by the filling of the gap between Vashon and Maury Islands at Portage?</i>		Staff responded to question at the time by referring to previous King County study that examined alternatives for establishing a connection between Quartermaster and Tramp Harbors	
	Spiers, Ann, Vashon			<i>What is the role of Japanese eelgrass in trapping sediment that would otherwise</i>		Staff responded in to question at	

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	Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>move along the shoreline? Is it "cementing" the beach?</i>		the time	
	Barbash, Jack, Vashon Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>We need to get to know and use the insights of economists. They may know the best way to reach/motivate people and market the Plan.</i>			
	Unknown Vashon Island resident, 3/31/05 Vashon public meeting			<i>Is there any hope for wild salmon?</i>			
	Kalhorn, Susie, VMI Comm. Council, 4/1/05			Thank you. There's a lot of hard and good work manifested in this document. I must admit, I didn't find it easy to read so I expect I will be providing more comments before the deadline.			
	Nix, Aaron, City of Auburn, 4/1/05			Significant reliance is placed on the efforts of Shared Strategy in integrating all of the WRIA plans for the Puget Sound ESU (Evolutionary Significant			

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				Unit). The black box negotiation process creates a sense of skepticism for the participants who will actually implement the plan. Is there a better way to alleviate some of these concerns?			
	Nix, Aaron, City of Auburn, 4/1/05			Please contact Duanna Richards (253) 931-3099 with the City of Auburn to receive the City's new logo.			
	King Conservation District staff comments with Doug Osterman 6/14/04			<i>The King Conservation District would like to develop a partnership with the WRIAs related to the public outreach and implementation of the plans. The District has a countywide conservation-focused role to play that will complement species-specific restoration / protection efforts.</i>			
	Jones, Marnie, Maury Island resident, web survey 9/18/05			Funding for salmon habitat should come from industry and government -- those who impact it.			
	Jones, Marnie, Maury Island resident, web survey 9/18/05			Include actions that focus on prevention; stop huge industrial projects. Prevention seems like the most cost effective measure.			
	Jones, Marnie, Maury Island			Stop allowing industry to hurt our environment			

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	resident, web survey 9/18/05						
	Dellplain, Kathleen, Seattle resident, web survey 9/18/05			It's just as important to produce all food crops, not just salmon.			
	Knutson, Milford, Auburn resident, web survey 9/18/05			We cannot get rid of flood control on the Green!			
	Havens, Deborah, Burien resident, web survey 9/20/05			Should be a requirement for people living within the watershed to attend a workshop and know how they personally affect the watershed, especially if they live immediately by the water, sort of a license to be in that area. If the people aren't in cooperation, no government effort will work except incrementally. Educate the people and the solution will evolve			
	Umbanhower, Elizabeth, Seattle resident, web survey 9/20/05			Important to make process/plan available, comprehensible and relevant to people. Most people do not have time or background to understand complexities of issues or how they relate directly to themselves. Also critical to create a			

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				workable fiscal policy to implement plan that involves a mix of private and public dollars			
	Umbanhowe, Elizabeth, Seattle resident, web survey 9/20/05			Funding for salmon habitat should come from mix of government (all levels), private foundations, business/developers			
	Runyan, John, Vashon resident, web survey 9/21/05			Closely link these plans to other sustainability movements and initiatives so that people can see these efforts as part of a larger holistic and interdependent set of actions toward a healthier environment			